Dr. A. R. Menon.—I oppose the statement. We are only for a committee of three Members as the Hon'ble Member has mentioned before.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I shall explain how this occurred, Sir. Originally we were only for three Members, but some were of opinion that five would be much better. I am quite satisfied with two Members and myself. If the Hon'ble Members are not anxious, as I suggested, we shall reduce the number to three. Even then we can do the work satisfactorily within twelve months.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—I am not anxious, I withdraw.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanaha Ayyar.—I too am not very anxious about it. I withdraw.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I too am not very anxious.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Then why should you have Members who are not very anxious?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I am not anxious, but I am ready to serve the country in whatever capacity I am called to do so.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I beg to second it, Sir.

Motions put and agreed to.

6. Consideration of the Finance Committee Report.

President.—Resolution No. 6.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I withdraw.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn:—

"This House recommends to the Government that, in view of the very short time the members are afforded for the study of the report submitted by the Special Finance Committee and also because of the complexity of the matters contained therein, the discussion of the report may be postponed to another date and not held during this forthcoming budget session."

7. Economic Development Committee.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"This Council strongly recommends to the Government that, for the economic development of the State, a committee with a non-official majority be appointed to draw up a programme of irrigation works to be undertaken in the near future."

I formally move this resolution. This was talked out in this House several times during the last Legislative Council. Government opposed it but it was carried unanimously by all the non-official Members. Then again, Government vetoed it. So I am not going to make a long speech. Before proceeding, I want to know the attitude of the Government regarding this.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I beg to second it.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I rise to oppose this motion.

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